

# PENECOST SUNDAY with Ele Mumford



## Pentecost Sunday

**Date:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Speaker:** Ele Mumford

**Key Verses:** Acts 2:1-47

### Talk Summary:

1. The Holy Spirit was poured out
  - Pentecost was the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy (v16) (Joel 2:28-29, 1 Samuel 10:6 and more)
  - The Spirit transformed Pete
  - The spirit still transforms lives today. People find faith, people are healed, and people are empowered for service.
2. The Gospel was preached
  - As happens consistently in scripture, experience was followed by explanation
  - Peter's message was all about Jesus, the gospel is all about Jesus:
  - Jesus' life (v22) – his life of love and power
  - Jesus' death (v23) – Peter points out their sin, he rebukes them and points to God's mercy
  - Jesus' resurrection (v24) – Our liberation (freedom) is only possible because of Jesus' victory
  - Jesus' Kingship (v36) - The Gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God, of Jesus' rule and reign
  - From his position as Lord, Christ, King, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit (v33)
3. The Church was born:
  - The church is formed by the coming of The Spirit and the preaching of the gospel.
  - Repent-believe-be baptised –be filled with the Holy Spirit (v38)
  - People joined community and lived a new radical lifestyle (v41-47)
  - To follow Jesus and join the church was a risky decision then and it is now.
  - But the rewards and repercussions are worth it (Philippians 1:21)
  - To believe and belong is such a relief

- The community was organised around love for one another and God – not authority or revolution  
It's a great time to respond to Peter's message:

- Come to Jesus
  - Be filled with the Holy Spirit
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## **Worship**

- Spend some time thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and reflecting on all Holy Spirit does for us.

## **Word**

- In what ways do we see Peter transformed by the Holy Spirit? (read Luke 22:54-62 and compare it to today's passage) How does this give us hope for ourselves?
- Do we sometimes forget that the good news we have is all about Jesus? How can we keep our message Jesus focused?
- What adventures of faith is God inviting you into as we step out in the spirit's power, to preach the gospel and invite people into community.

## **Witness**

- The Holy Spirit empowers us for mission. Spend some time praying asking God to empower and inspire you for mission.